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SUBJECT: CREATION OF NEW INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES

1. CENTRAL PRESS MAY 29 ANNOUNCES DISSECTION OF EXISTING USSR MINISTRY OF HEAVY, POWER, AND TRANSPORT MACHINEBUILDING TO CREATE TWO SEPARATE ALL-UNION MINISTRIES. THEY ARE: USSR MINISTRY OF HEAVY AND TRANSPORT MACHINEBUILDING AND USSR MINISTRY OF POWER MACHINEBUILDING. THEY WILL BE HEADED BY V. F. ZHIGALIN AND V. V. KROTOV, WHO WERE, RESPECTIVELY, MINISTER AND FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER IN FORMER MINISTRY.

2. COMMENT: DIVISION INTO SEPARATE MINISTERIAL ENTITIES OF VERY LARGE AND CUMBERSOME INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES SEEMS TO BE IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN SOVIETS' CURRENT INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT POLICY. INDUSTRIAL SPECIALIZATION ALONG FAIRLY NARROW LINES IS NOW FREQUENTLY MENTIONED IN PRESS AS NECESSARY ACCOMPANIMENT TO CREATION OF PRODUCTION ASSOCIATIONS. LAST SUCH SPLITTING UP OF INDUSTRIAL MINISTRY OCCURED IN 1974 WHEN USSR MINISTRY

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